| S.No. | Name of the LPG Agency |
|---|---|
| 53. | M/s. Friend Gas Service |
| 54. | M/s. Lucky Gas Service |
| 55. | M/s. Santoshi Gas Service |
| 56. | M/s. Sikhil Gas Service |
| 57. | M/s. Bharat Gas Service |
| 58. | M/s. Ruchika Gas Service |
| 59. | M/s. Satish & Co. |
| 60. | M/s. Raja Gas Service |
| 61. | M/s. United Agencies |
| 62. | M/s. Rohit Gas Agencies |
| 63 | M/s. Chanakya & Siddhartha Gas Company |
| 64. | M/s. Prinyanka Gas Service |
| 65. | M/s. Pankaj Gas Service |
| 66. | M/s. Sunny Gas Service |

**Surprise Checking of the Filled LPG Cylinders**

570. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints received either orally or in black and white by Government regarding the supply of shortfilled or underweighed cylinders by the gas agencies during the months of November and December, 1988 and during January, 1989 in the capital;

(b) what action Government have taken on these complaints;

(c) whether Government have con ducted any raids at the godowns of any of these agencies in this connection;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) if the answer to part (c) above be in the negative, whether Government propose to undertaken surprise checking of the gas cylinders at the godowns of the gas agencies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) During the last 3 months, 12 complaints .were received» regarding underfilled cylinders in the Union Territory of Delhi.

(b) All such complaints are investigated promptly by the Oil Marketing Companies and, if established, the underfilled cylinders are replaced free of cost.

(c) to (e) Routine, surprise and joint inspections are carried out by oil industry teams" of all LPG godowns and showrooms.

**Action by Grievances Cells Against the Gas Dealers Agencies**

571. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have set up a high level grievances cell, to check the malpractices being adopted by the Gas Agencies in the capital;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether this Cell has taken any action against the Agencies found adopting malpractices in the Capital during the last three years, yearwise?

TOE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM- AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) to (c) No Sir. However, all complaints received by the oil companies against LPG distributors are investigated promptly, wherever necessary, and appropriate action, varying from warning letters to even termination of distributorships in some cases, is taken against the erring LPG distributors, in accordance with the Marketing Discipline Guidelines.

**Action Against LPG Dealers for Selling the LPG Cylinders in Black Market**

572. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of PET-

ROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaints with regard to black marketing of LPG cylinders by the distributors/dealers in the capital during the months of January and February, 1989 till date;

(b) if so, what are the names of these distributors/dealers and the action taken by Government against them;

(c) whether Government's attention has also been drawn towards the news item which appeared in various newspap ers to this effect during the first week of February, 1989; and

(d) if so, what action Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) to (d) Even though no specific instances in this regard have been brought to the notice of the Government, the possibility of such malpractices by unscrupulous elements cannot be ruled out. Complaints received by the oil companies in this regard are investigated promptly, wherever necessary, and appropriate action is taken against the erring distributors in accordance with the Marketing Discipline Guidelines. In addition, the Liquified Petroleum Gas (Regulation of Supply and Distribution) Order, 1988 has been issued by the Government to check any such malpractices.

**British Assistance for Developing Indian Petroleum Sector**

573. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been received by Government from British Oil Industry for assistance in developing Indian Petroleum Sector; and

(b) if so, what are. the salient features thereof and the Government's reaction to these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) A proposal has recently been received from B.P. Exploration, London, proposing technical cooperation with ONGC for exploration work in the Himalayan Foothills Zone and the Plains of U.P. No proposal for assistance as such has been received.

British Oil Cos. have also shown commercial interest in liquified natural gas import feasibility study, city distribution of natural gas and exploration for hydrocarbons.

**Projections for Production and Distribution of LPG**

574. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what were the projections in the last three years for the production and distribution of LPG in the country;

(b) what were the actuals achieved; and

(c) what are the reasons for shortfall; if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) to (c) The target fixed for the production and distribution of LPG as well as the actuals achieved during the last three years are given below:

(000 MT)

| | 1985-86 | 1986-87 | 1987-88 |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Production* | | | |
| Targets | 1250 | 1450 | 1613 |
| Actuals | 1230 | 1489 | 1588 (Provisional) |
| *Distribution* | | | |
| Targets | 1250 | 1520 | 1740 |
| Actuals | 1241 | 1497 | 1686 |